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HONORING LIEUTENANT MARC TOCHTERMAN

(Mr. DUNN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant Marc Tochterman, who is retiring from the Bay County Sheriff's Office after 23 years.

Marc also served his country for 22 years in the Navy before that.

During his time in the sheriff's office, Lieutenant Tochterman assisted my office, Representative Gwen Graham's office, and Representative Steve Southerland's office, as well.

Marc also serves as the regional coordinator for the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run and as the vice president of the Defenders Motorcycle Club's Panama City Chapter.

Marc has a heart of gold.

Marc is a doting father, a loving husband to his wife, Virginia, and, additionally, a dear friend to me and everyone on my staff.

Though we are sad that Marc is retiring, we are proud of the impact he has made on our community.

Madam Speaker, we thank Lieutenant Tochterman and we are all grateful for his service.

IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

(Ms. STEVENS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with the Jewish community, with Jewish parents, with our rabbis, people who are still reeling in the aftermath of yet another attack on one of their houses of worship.

Anti-Semitism is real and growing, and it is a threat to our neighbors and to our collective conscience in this country. Paired with near-unfettered access to firearms, spaces for online hate to fester, and the echo of xenophobic dog whistles from our Nation's highest offices, it has and can cost us American lives.

We have failed when our educators and faith leaders need to supplement their daily duties with violence intervention rehearsals. We have failed when our students and congregants need to calculate exit plans upon entering classrooms and sanctuaries. And we have failed when we fear the next attack that impedes our neighbor's ability to practice their faith.

To the Jewish community of Michigan's 11th District and beyond: I see you, I am here for you, and I will continue to do my part to uproot intolerance and hate wherever it grows.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT JASON MOLONEY

(Ms. VAN DUYNE asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Jason Moloney and the Southlake Fire Department for their selfless acts of service to protect our State during the recent wildland fire deployments.

Over the holiday season, Southlake Fire Department personnel took part in two different deployments as part of the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System to assist with wildland fires in the Texas panhandle. The fire covered nearly 24,000 acres and stretched 23 miles long.

Southlake Fire Department Lieutenant Jason Moloney fearlessly served as the Strike Team Leader of a specially trained team, which included five wildland brush trucks and a command vehicle.

During the second deployment, the strike team was deployed on January 4 and was safely demobilized on January 9. While Lieutenant Moloney was on the front line, his wife, Velvet, worked tirelessly treating COVID-19 patients as a respiratory therapist and taking care of their two young children. Both Jason and Velvet served to protect our State and sacrifice time at home during the holidays as a family.

Madam Speaker, I thank Lieutenant Moloney and the entire Southlake Fire Department for their dedication, bravery, and providing world class service to our community.

A PHENOMENAL INTERGENERATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank President Joe Biden and the majority here with some of our Republican friends who passed the bipartisan infrastructure legislation not long ago.

The Biden administration just announced this morning three-quarters of a billion dollars of investment in the Great Lakes region—an awesome amount—to take care of projects that had been sitting on the shelf for over a quarter century, for the modernization of the Soo Locks. We could not conduct war without those locks being operational. And they have sat around with no investment.

God bless Joe Biden for his patriotism to this country, and also for what is going to happen at Brandon Road Lock, south of Chicago, with the barrier that will be built so the Asian carp don't get into the entire Great Lakes and eat up all of our native species.

Three-quarters of a billion dollars in the Great Lakes today; what a phenomenal intergenerational announcement.

Madam Speaker, I thank all the Members who supported that important legislation, and I thank Joe Biden, the President of the United States.

HONORING HARRY SILVER

(Ms. LETLOW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LETLOW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Councilman Harry Silver, a truly distinguished public servant, as he marks his 100th birthday.

Harry Silver served the people of Alexandria, Louisiana, on the city council for more than 15 years before stepping down 11 months ago at age 99. At an age where most people are slowing down and taking it a bit easy, Harry stepped up to serve, wanting to give back to the community that he called home.

After Harry's initial appointment in 2005, the people of Alexandria reelected Harry to the council four times.

At the time of his retirement, Harry was both the oldest active elected official in the United States and the oldest elected official in Louisiana history.

In his farewell message to the city, Harry said: "Whether you or your parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents agreed with me or not over the years, I hope everyone agrees that I acted only as I felt was best for our mutual home."

Madam Speaker, that is all that we can ask of a public servant.

We are honored and proud to salute Harry Silver of Alexandria, Louisiana, on his 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK

(Mr. MOOLENAAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOOLENAAR. Madam Speaker, over this past weekend, the Democratic Party in my home State published a graphic saying public schools do not exist to serve the parents of those students and, rightfully, there was an outcry before they took it down and disavowed what they posted.

Parents absolutely have the right to know what their kids are learning, and over the past year and a half they have been fighting back against administrators and unions who have kept students out of the classroom.

When public school teachers in Chicago went on strike earlier this month, the phones rang off the hook at the city's private schools as parents finally had enough and searched for classroom opportunities for their kids.

Support for parental involvement in education and for school choice has risen over the past year, and my colleagues and I will soon be introducing a resolution to honor National School Choice Week that will be next week, from January 23 through January 29.

Parents and students should be given every opportunity to find a classroom where the kids can attend in person, see their friends, and learn directly from a teacher.